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St. Andrew's M. E. Church  
Upper Hill  
Public worship

1908

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ST. ANDREW'S M. E. CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: S-435

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Church

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.  
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic ST. ANDREW'S M. E. CHURCH

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number East side of Upper Hill Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Andrew's M. E. Church  
% Harold O. Waters

street & number P. O. Box 287 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church stands in the center of Upper Hill in the vicinity of Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, Maryland. The tee-shaped frame church faces west and Upper Hill Road, while the principal gable roof is oriented on a north/south axis.

First erected in 1908 and rebuilt in 1923, this large single-story frame church is supported on a high rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of narrow vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Set in the southwest corner of the west arm of the tee plan church is a marble datestone inscribed, "St. Andrew's M. E. Church, 1908, Rebuilt July 30, 1923." Rising in the southwest corner of the tee plan is a two-story entrance tower marked by double-leaf door openings. The modern paneled doors are topped by pointed arch transoms filled with colored glass panes. When the church was sheathed with vinyl siding large, four-lobed colored glass windows marking the upper story of the tower were covered over. The tower is topped by a low pitched pyramidal roof. The concrete block foundation is pierced by translucent glass windows, and a ground level entrance is located on the west side.

The west gable front wall that faces Upper Hill Road is marked by three long lancet windows filled with colored glass. A round window marking the upper gable end has been covered over with the vinyl siding like the tower windows. The eaves are extended.

The south gable end is detailed in the same manner as the west gable end with three colored glass lancet windows defining the wall surface. Rising through the west slope of the roof is a single flue brick stove chimney. The rusticated block foundation is marked by three openings, two nine-pane cellar windows and a vented opening.

The north side, on the other hand, is a five bays across with each bay marked by a long colored glass lancet window. Five nine-pane windows pierce the raised foundation.

The rear wall of the church is marked by a three-sided apse with small lancet windows marking each diagonal side.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1908, 1923 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

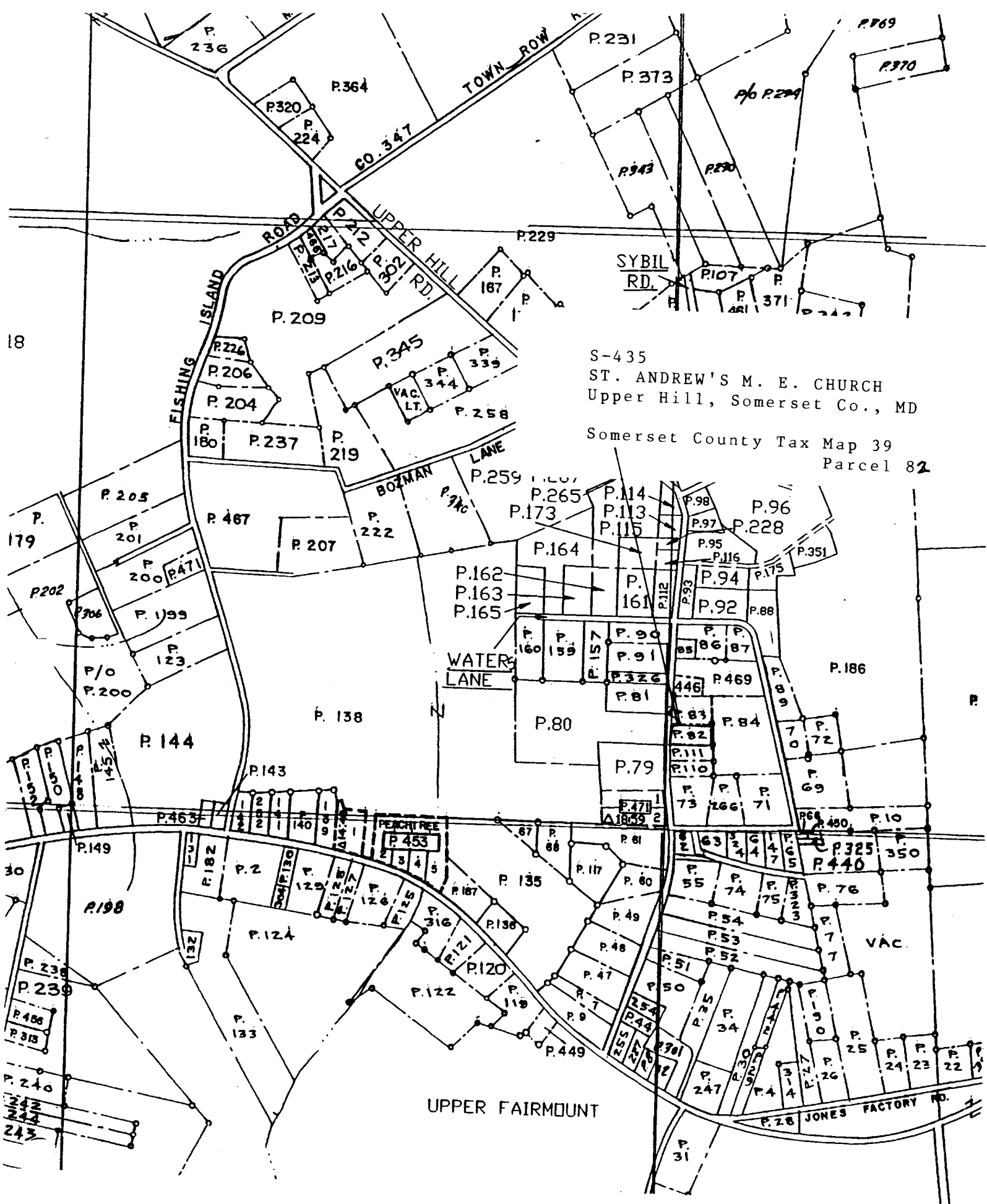
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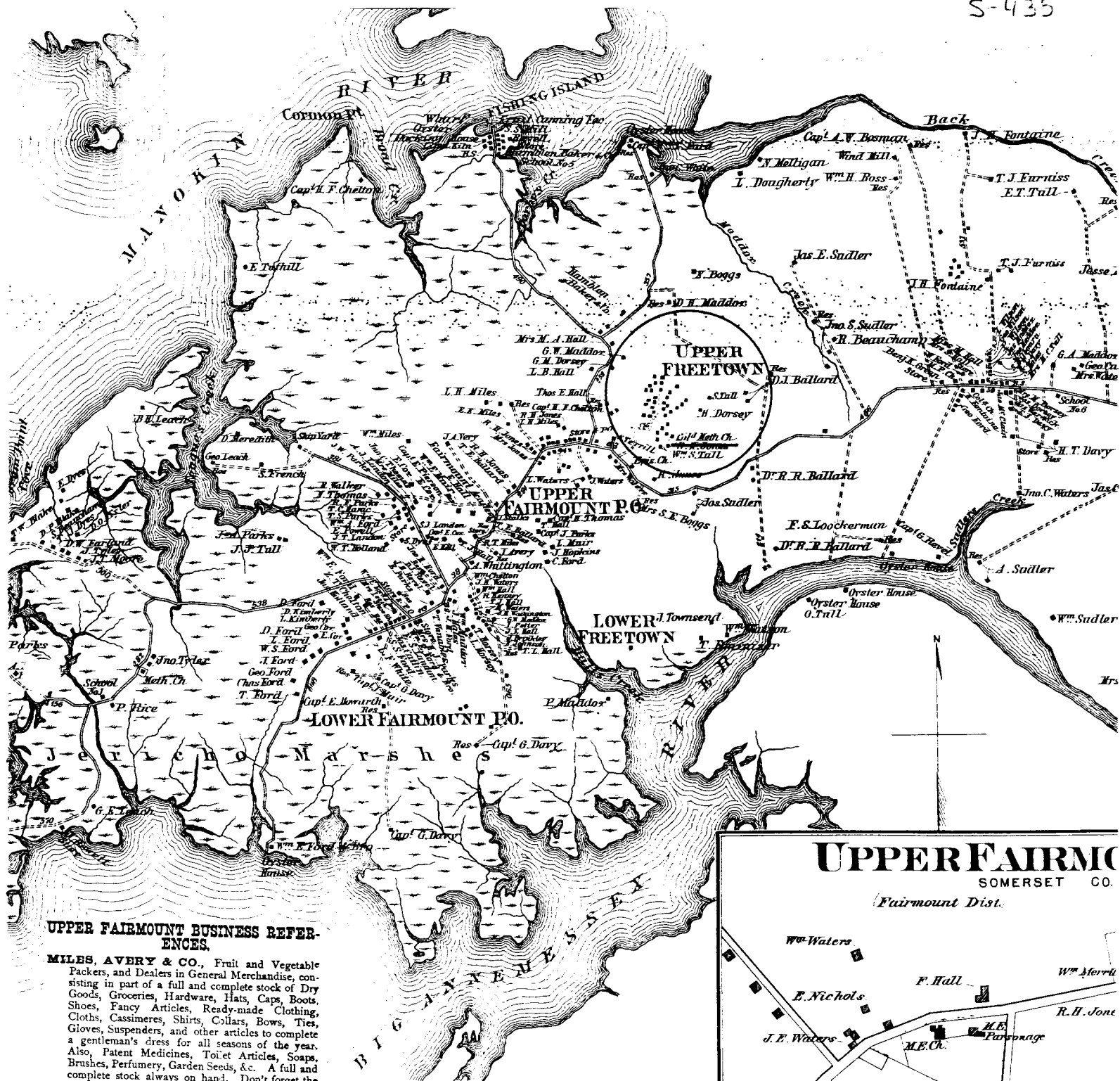
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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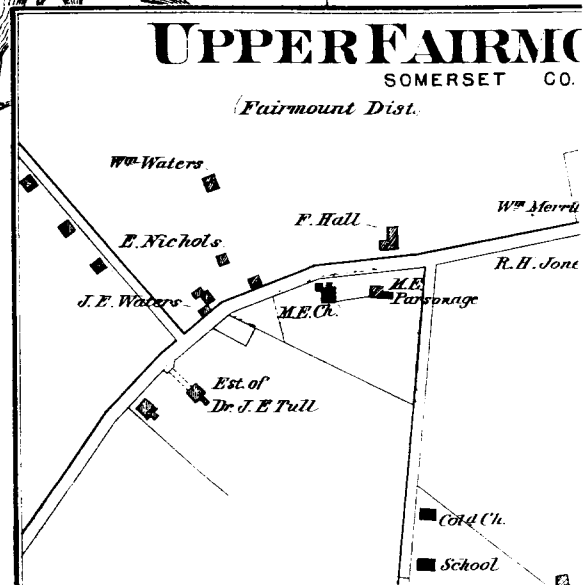
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